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Good afternoon,

Below is a summary of information received/reviewed in the past day that I shared with our Navajo Area Office team. If you have any questions, please reply. Thank you.

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External Contacts:

- Attended EPA conference call this afternoon
- EPA working to release more data in the near future. Sampling on-going and working with Navajo Nation (NN) EPA, USGS, universities, NTUA, NMED (those named on call)
- Common focus for most parties on call was improving access to water for drinking and livestock
 - NN ICP expressed concerns regarding access for residents in UT in the areas of Oljato, Piute Farms, Copper Canyon, and further west toward Lake Powell. BIA to assess the need for a response.
- NN programs expressed interest/concern regarding the impact of water use for agricultural purposes, and were requesting additional technical assistance in this area
- Unconfirmed report of two dog deaths possibly related to water consumption in Shiprock area. Information to be communicated to NN Veterinary Program
- EPA conference calls expected to continue daily at 4pm —

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If not over the weekend, they should resume on Monday)

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- Did not make contact today with ATSDR
- Regarding public information on drinking water in UT areas of the reservation, but issue appears mostly addressed. Although NN ICP in Shiprock still receiving requests for water in areas near Beclabito, NM and Montezuma Creek, UT
- See also note below on contact with NNMC.

Internal Contacts:

- Update from Janet Hayes, Northern Navajo Medical Center (NNMC: IHS facility in Shiprock), attending the NN ICP:
 - NN ICP had reduced staffing today, and will continue over the weekend.
 - BIA established an ICP at their Shiprock office
 - Paper notice supposed to be going out in communities from BIA regarding livestock watering at: Upper Fruitland Rodeo Grounds, Shiprock Yei Bi'Chei Rodeo Grounds, Gadi'I'ahi. Additional locations for watering points are going to be established (may be completed by end of today)
 - BIA is coordinating with NN ICP to have a radio announcement of available livestock watering locations.
- Contacted NNMC regarding provider fact sheet that had been developed to inquire if any revisions had been produced since more data released by EPA. No updates to present. Also inquired regarding opportunity to draw on ATSDR expertise to update this information, but not able to follow-up with NNMC on this point today.

Online info, press releases, etc.

- New Mexico Env. Dept. press release on lifting ban on private well use in Animas floodplain: <https://www.env.nm.gov/documents/150814PR-OOTSGoldKingMineSpill7.pdf> (info also released by San Juan Co. NM)
- No other new updates on NM or AZ websites.
- NTUA issued another press release, essentially reiterating their previous information regarding the safety of their systems. (see previous link provided)
- No new updates on EPA Region 8 OSC site
- No new updates for San Juan River Response set up for EPA Region 9 OSC
- New data for river sediments in Colorado posted to EPA webpage: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/data-gold-king-mine-response>
- UNM assessing sedimentation in rivers to develop sediment sampling and study for long-term assessment

